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SUMMARY. BASIC INFORMATION, KEY ISSUES AND TIMETABLE FOR PREPARATION OF AN OVERALL ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE FOR ECE REGION IDENTIFIED BY AD HOC MEETING. SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE PAPER REFLECTING VIEWS TO 12TH SESSION OF SENIOR ADVISERS (MARCH 3-7) WHO WILL PREPARE OUTLINE OF PERSPECTIVE FOR 30TH ECE SESSION. PERSPECTIVE TO BE FURTHER ELABORATED OVER TWO-YEAR PERIOD ON BASIS OF COMMENTS BY OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES, GOVERNMENTS AND SENIOR ADVISERS. FURTHER WORK ON BASIC PRODUCTS AND ENERGY CONSIDERED AND RECOMMENDED TO SENIOR ADVISERS. REVISED AGENDA RECOMMENDED FOR 12TH SESSION. END SUMMARY.

1. AD HOC MEETING ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF 15 MEMBERS, OF WHO 7 WERE SENIOR ADVISERS AND BALANCE WERE UNCLASSIFIED

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ALTERNATES. MEETING CONSIDERED PREPARATION OF

OVERALL ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE, FURTHER WORK ON BASIS
PRODUCTS AND ENERGY AND AGENDA FOR 12TH SESSION OF
SENIOR ECONOMIC ADVISERS.

OVERALL ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE (OEP):

2. AGREED THAT DUAL PURPOSE OF THE OEP WOULD BE (1)
TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK TO ASSIST GOVERNMENTS IN
FORMULATING THEIR OVERALL PLANS, PROGRAMS AND POLICIES
AND (2) TO OFFER GUIDANCE TO OTHER ECE PRINCIPAL
SUBSIDIARY BODIES WHICH ARE UNDERTAKING STUDIES OF LONG-
TERM TRENDS AND POLICIES. THE OEP WOULD NOT BE A MERE
SUMMATION OF NATIONAL PROGRAMS BUT WOULD BE AN ATTEMPT
TO PROVIDE AN OVERALL OUTLOOK FOR THE REGION AS A WHOLE.

3. GENERAL AGREEMENT REACHED THAT SECRETARIAT SHOULD
PREPARE BACKGROUND PAPER FOR 12TH SESSION OF SENIOR
ADVISERS CONTAINING TENTATIVE OUTLINE OF OVERALL
ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE AND REFLECTING VIEWS EXPRESSED AT
THIS MEETING. TIME-FRAME FOR PERSPECTIVE AGREED AS
1990 IN LINE 28TH DECISION OF TENTH SESSION AND STRONGLY
SUPPORTED BY SOCIALIST AND SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES. CANADA
AND U.S. DID NOT OBJECT BUT EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ON
USEFULNESS OF DATA FOR THEIR ECONOMIES BEYOND 1985.

4. BASIC INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED FOR SECRETARIAT
PAPER INCLUDE: TREND STUDIES ALREADY PREPARED BY
SECRETARIAT; COUNTRY NOTES CONTAINING POINTS OF SPECIAL
INTEREST FOR THE OEP; REPORTS OF OTHER ECE SUBSIDIARY
BODIES (STEEL, HOUSING, TIMBER) AND OTHER UN BODIES;
SECRETARIAT STUDY ON BASIC PRODUCTS AND ENERGY.

5. ISSUES IDENTIFIED FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT IN THE OEP
INCLUDE: POPULATION TRENDS, LABOR PRODUCTIVITY, ENERGY,
TEHCNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT. IT WAS FELT THAT WORK ON
PRICES WOULD BE TOO COMPLICATED, AT LEAST AT THIS STAGE,
AND SHOULD BE DEFERRED.

6. THE OEP WOULD BE DEVELOPED IN STAGES WITH A PRELIMINARY
OUTLINE TO BE AGREED AT THE 12TH SESSION BASED ON
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INFORMATION SUPPLIED, AS NOTED ABOVE, AND THE VIEWS OF THE
AD HOC MEETING. THE OUTLINE WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE
30TH SESSION OF ECE (1975) FOR CIRCULATION TO ALL PRINCIPAL
SUBSIDIARY BODIES FOR COMMENT. AN AD HOC MEETING OF
EXPERTS WOULD BE HELD IN MID-1975 TO DISCUSS FURTHER STAGES
IN PREPARATION OF THE OEP. IMPROVED VERSIONS OF THE OEP
WOULD BE PREPARED FOR THE 13TH (1976) AND 14TH (1977)
SESSIONS OF THE SENIOR ADVISERS.

BASIC PRODUCTS AND ENERGY:

7. THE FIRST PHASE OF THE WORK HAD FOCUSED ON LONG-TERM PROJECTIONS OF DEMAND, PRODUCTION POTENTIAL AND SCOPE FOR TRADE (EC.AD(XI)/R.3). THE SECRETARIAT SUGGESTED CERTAIN FACTORS AFFECTING PROSPECTS FOR BASIC PRODUCTS AND ENERGY FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THE SENIOR ADVISERS. THESE INCLUDE: GENERAL ECONOMIC GROWTH RATE; STRUCTURE OF FINAL DEMAND; PRICE SYSTEMS; SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS; LOCATION OF PRODUCTION ENTERPRISES; ENVIRONMENT; HUMAN AND CAPITAL RESOURCES (DOCUMENT EC.AD(XI)/AG.2/R.2).

8. ADDITIONAL POINTS SUGGESTED BY THE AD HOC MEETING INCLUDED: THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS IN EXPANDING ENERGY RESOURCES; THE POTENTIAL USEFULNESS OF JOINT RESEARCH ON UTILIZATION OF NEW FORMS OF ENERGY OR NEW PROCESSES; IMPORTANCE OF LINKING TRANSPORT AND ENERGY SYSTEMS WITHIN AN EAST-WEST FRAMEWORK.

9. THE STUDY UNDER PREPARATION BY THE SECRETARIAT ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND ECONOMY WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT RESOURCE DOCUMENT. THIS WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN TIME FOR THE 12TH SESSION OF THE SENIOR ADVISERS.

10. FURTHER WORK ON BASIC PRODUCTS AND ENERGY SHOULD BE CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH WORK ON THE OEP.

AGENDA FOR 12TH SESSION:

11. PRINCIPAL ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR 12TH SESSION INCLUDE: TERMS OF REFERENCE OF SENIOR ADVISERS; EXCHANGE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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INFORMATION ON PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM PLANS, PROGRAMS AND PROSPECTS; CONSIDERATION OF OEP; BASIC PRODUCTS AND ENERGY; REPORT OF SEMINAR ON SYSTEMS OF MODELS USED IN PLANNING (MOSCOW).

COMMENT: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE UNOFFICIAL AND OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS FOR TRANSMISSION TO SECRETARIAT WHICH WOULD BE USEFUL FOR PERSPECTIVE AND ENERGY STUDIES. COPY OF 1974 ECONOMIC REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT PROVIDED PREVIOUSLY. RAY REPORT ON U.S. ENERGY OUTLOOK AND REPORT ON PROJECT INDEPENDENCE WOULD BE ESPECIALLY USEFUL. DALE

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